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In re Application of: Susumu Hizukuri

Serial No.: 09/674,242

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For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF L-ARABINOSE BY ACIDIC
HYDROLYSIS**

Examiner: Patrick Lewis

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington DC 20231

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown, please provide a two-month Extension of Time up to and including July 22, 2002 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 C.F.R. 1.136. A check in the amount of \$ 400.00 for the Extension of Time fee is enclosed.

If any further Extension of Time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

In the Claims:

Replacement Claims in Clean Form

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1. (Twice Amended) A process for the manufacture of L-arabinose, characterized in that, vegetable fiber is contacted with an acid, an acidic hydrolysis is carried out under such a condition that the concentration of acid is within the range of 0.01N to 0.5N, and L-arabinose contained in the vegetable fiber is selectively produced.

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4. (Twice Amended) The process for the manufacture of L-arabinose according to Claim 1, characterized in carrying out the acidic hydrolysis under such condition that the solid concentration of the vegetable fiber is within the range of 3% (w/w) to 20% (w/w).